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Mr. Phillip W. Holderness
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Dear Mr. Holderness:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 1996 regarding the development of a common program for water use efficiency in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

I agree with you that not all systems can be grouped and treated the same. Every community is different, and the range of appropriate water use efficiency measures will vary accordingly. That is why we have stressed the importance of local flexibility in our process. The common "floor" of conservation will probably be based largely on an analysis of cost-effectiveness. This is the approach that the California Urban Water Conservation Council has used successfully since 1991.

Please feel free to contact me again if you have additional comments or questions as our common program for water use efficiency is developed and refined.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Resources Specialist

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